

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	191A

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
staple to left side of form

Photo number _____

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Carole Zellie (ed. Candace Jenkins)

Organization Landscape Research

Date May, 1979

Assessor's Map # 12-381

Town Stoneham

Address 36 William Street

Historic Name Shoe Shop-Doucette Ten Footer

Present Owner: Stoneham Historical Society

Original Owner: Peter Doucette

Use: Present Museum of Shoe Industry, Tools and Artifacts

Original Shoe shop

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1850

Source Town records

Style Vernacular; Greek Revival details

Architect None

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings None

Major alterations (with dates) None

Moved from Pine Street Date 1967

Approx. acreage 12,520 sq. feet (LOT IS NOT DOMINATED BY BLDG. ONLY)

Setting Mixed institutional/residential area

UTM: Boston North Quad
19 327580 4705280

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Doucette Ten Footer is a typical and well preserved mid-19th century shoemaking shop. The rectangular building is one story high with a gable roofed attic. It is sheathed in clapboards with simple corner boards and door and window surrounds. Sash is 6/6. This example, currently on the grounds of the Stoneham Historical Society, was moved from nearby Pine Street in 1967. It is the only building on the lot currently being considered for the National Register.

The Doucette Ten

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The Doucette Ten Footer possesses integrity of design, setting, materials, and workmanship as well as significant associations with Stoneham's industrial past. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

This 10 x 10-foot square building is a well preserved example of a kind of shop used by many shoemakers in the late 18th to mid 19th centuries. In Stoneham during the 19th century there were many such shops scattered throughout the town. Usually, the owner-shoemaker worked alone or with family members. Materials could be stored in the "attic."

Inside the shoe museum are found tools typical of the trade: shoe lasts, wooden forms, a shoe bench, lap stone, shoe hammer, awls, wooden pegs, skivers, edgers, pincers, a rolling machine and sewing machine.

Boundary Description: The nomination is confined to the shoe shop and the land upon which it directly stands.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Interview with Mrs. Helen Kinsley, May 1979.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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2/26/84

date entered

Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Stoneham Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

51. Metropolitan District Commission
Pumping House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

52. Millard-Souther-Green House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

53. Oddfellows Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

54. Old Burying Ground

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

55. Shoe Shop-Doucette Ten
Footer

Substantive Review

Keeper

Paul Ann Dwyer 4/13/84

Attest

56. Steele, John, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

57. South School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

58. Stoneham Firestation

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

59. Stoneham Public Library

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

60. Tay, Jesse, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 4/13/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Shoe Shop-Doucette Ten Footer
(Stoneham MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

Working No. FEB 23 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85
Date Due: 3-29-84 - 4-13-84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4-13-84
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Significant as best surviving
example of a type of building
which is historically important*

Recom./Criteria Accept
Reviewer W. H. H.
Discipline Arch
Date 4/13/84
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

in Stoneham.

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ excellent | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____

Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☒ justification of exception
- ☐ other

A specific statement about the integrity of setting is lacking — but there is no reason to suspect that the current setting is a problem, particularly since they opted to nominate only the ground upon which the building rests.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

More information on the setting, both current and former, would have been useful.

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



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& REPAIRED

Shoe Shop - Duxette Ten Factor

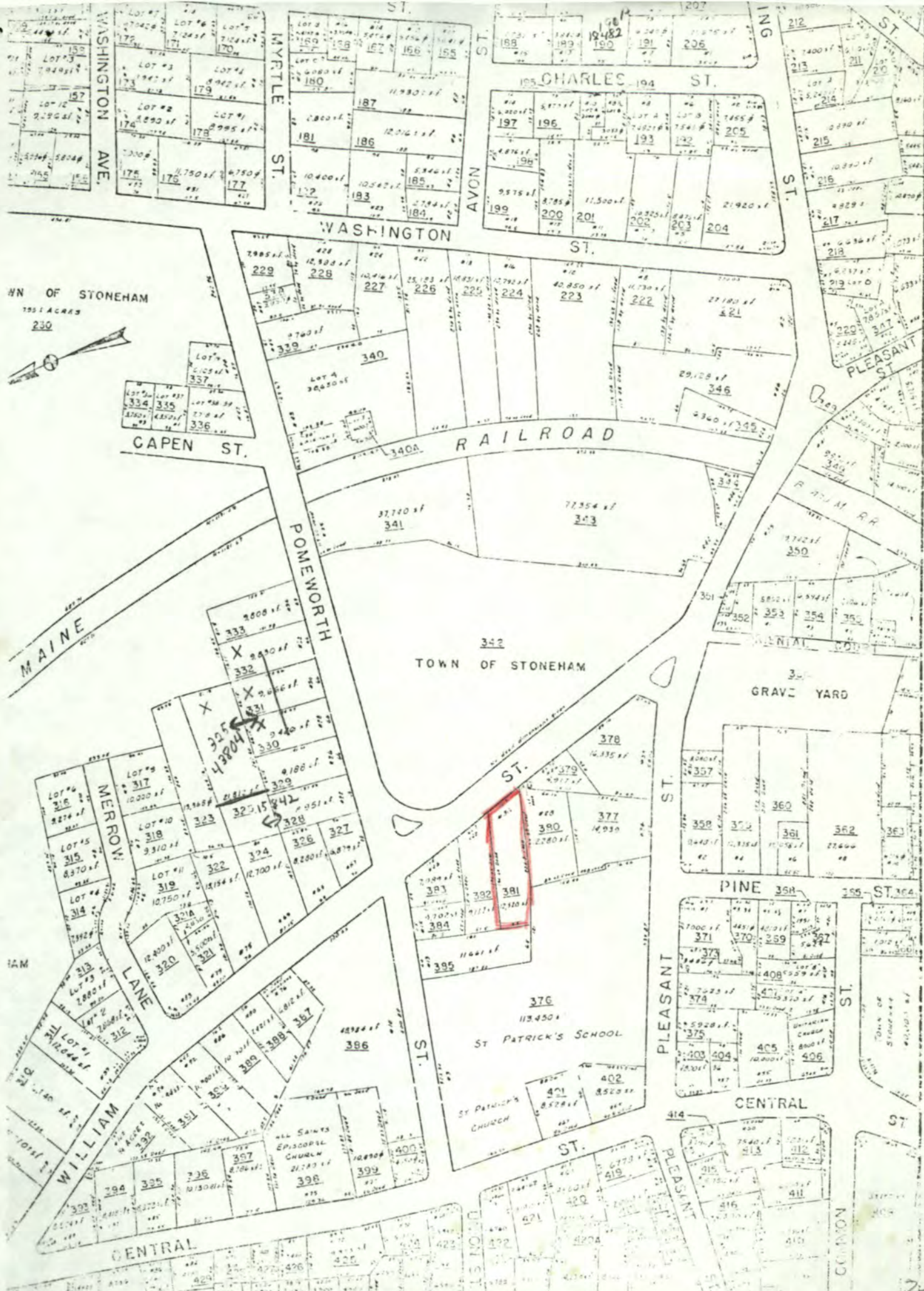
Storham MRA, Ma

OPPOSITE
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#191A

TOWN OF STONEHAM
ASSESSOR'S MAP

PRESENT DATE
1"=200'-SCALE

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000295